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SUBJ: VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS

REFS: A. USUN 1053 (NOTAL)
B. STATE 073000 (NOTAL)
C. USUN 1006 (NOTAL)
D. KRIENDLER-SCHIELE TELECON OF APRIL 13

1. SUMMARY. COMMITTEE OF 24 ACTING CHAIRMAN ABDULAH (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) INFORMED AMBASSADOR MCHENRY THAT NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE DESIRE A "MORE BALANCED" VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS THAN FIJI, TUNISIA, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND HE SUGGESTED ENLARGING THE MISSION BY 1 OR 2 MEMBERS. HCHENRY SAID OUR DECISION TO INVITE A VISITING MISSION TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION AND THAT NEW FACTS WOULD REQUIRE OUR RETHINKING THE QUESTION. HE PROMISED TO GET BACK TO ABDULAH WITH A REPLY. THE DEPARTMENT
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IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON APRIL 13, COMMITTEE OF 24 ACTING CHAIRMAN ABDULAH (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) INFORMED AMBASSADOR MCHENRY OF DIFFICULTIES RELATED TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE VISITING MISSION TO THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS. HE SAID THE NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE DESIRE A "MORE BALANCED" MISSION

THAN THAT WHICH WE HAVE INVITED (FIJI, TUNISIA, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) AND SUGGESTED THAT ADDITION OF ONE OR TWO MEMBERS TO THE VISITING MISSION, SPECIFICALLY, YUGOSLAVIA AND/OR IVORY COAST (PROBABLY NOT WILLING TO GO, HE SAID), SIERRA LEONE, TANZANIA OR ETHIOPIA. ABDULAH SAID HE WAS "TAKEN ABACK" TO LEARN THAT CARNAVAL TAKES PLACE IN THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS DURING THE DATES FOR THE SCHEDULED VISIT.

3. MCHENRY POINTED OUT THAT OUR INVITATION HAD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE COMPOSITION OF THE VISITING MISSION TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS (FIJI, TUNISIA, AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) AND THAT IF THE FACTS OF THE SITUATION WERE CHANGED, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REEXAMINE THE QUESTION. CONCERNING CARNIVAL, HE POINTED OUT THAT IT IS THE COMBINED VIEW OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND INTERIOR AND OF GOVERNOR KING THAT CARNIVAL WOULD NOT POSE ANY IMPEDIMENT TO THE MISSION CARRYING OUT ITS MANDATE.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, FIJIAN PERM REP VUNIBOBO INFORMED MISOFF THAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE SEEKING ENLARGMENT OF THE MISSION ARE THE SAME PEOPLE (EASTERN EUROPEANS AND RADICAL NONALIGNED) WHO GIVE US TROUBLE ON MILITARY BASES IN GUAM. HE OFFERED HIS INFORMAL VIEW THAT WE SHOULD WITHDRAW OUR INVITATION RATHER THAN ACCEDE TO ANY SUCH REQUEST.

5. AUSTRALIAN MISOFF FORRESTER INFORMED US OF HIS VIEWS ALONG THE SAME LINES AS THOSE OF
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VUNIBOBO, CITED ABOVE. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT "IDEOLOGICAL" CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPEDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE USG INVITATION, WHICH THE GOA VIEWS AS A VERY PROGRESSIVE STEP. FORRESTER, SPEAKING INFORMALLY, SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO INVITE A DIFFERENT VISITING MISSION AT A LATER DATE RATHER THAN ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST FOR AN ENLARGED MISSION.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: AS REPORTED REF D, ABDULAH IS AWAITING OUR RESPONSE TO HIS SUGGESTION.

7. COMMENT: SINCE THERE ARE PRECEDENTS FOR BOTH FOUR-AND SIX-MAN VISITING MISSIONS TO NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES, WE SEE NO REASON TO OBJECT TO AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE MISSION PER SE, AS LONG AS THE IDEOLOGICAL COMPOSITION OF THE MISSION DOES NOT MATERIALLY CHANGE. WE WOULD PREFER, HOWEVER, TO STICK WITH A THREE-MAN MISSION IF

IT WERE POSSIBLE.
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